The Honorable Natwar M. Gandhi Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 203 Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Dr. Gandhi:

Enclosed for your information is an Opinion of the Corporation Counsel issued today. The Opinion concludes that recent legislation by the Council having the purpose and effect of removing the Inspector General of the District of Columbia, Charles Maddox, from his office, effective on June 1, 2003, violates the District Charter, is unlawful, and, therefore, should be considered as being null, void, and of no effect in regard to such removal.

Based on the Opinion, I advise you to maintain Mr. Maddox on the government payroll and to continue paying his salary, pursuant to his appointment as Inspector General.

Sincerely,

Anthony A. Williams Mayor

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Enclosure

cc: John A. Koskinen City Administrator Kelvin J. Robinson Chief of Staff

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